

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 26 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – Claims 1 through 15, drawn to a method for generating a built in reliability curve, classified in class 438, subclass 17.

Group II – Claims 16 through 23, drawn to a memory device classified in class 711, subclass 5.

Group III - Claim 24, drawn to a method for storing a number, classified in class 708, subclass 801.

Group IV – Claim 25, drawn to a method for switching between built in self test and method for built in stress test, classified in class 438, subclass 14.

Group V – Claim 26, drawn to a method for screening used antifuses, classified in class 257, subclass 50.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1 through 15, without traverse.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant notes the filing of Information Disclosure Statements herein on March 23, 2004, and June 1, 2004, and notes that no copy of the PTO-1449's were returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on the PTO-1449's be made of record herein.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant's undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on May 10, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant's undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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